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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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Serial No.: New Application (PCT/JP01/03254)

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For: OPTICAL DISC APPARATUS AND OPTICAL DISC DISCRIMINATING METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application,  
please enter the following specification changes as noted below:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 13 as follows:

13. (Amended) An optical disc discriminating method in an  
optical disc apparatus according to claim 1,

wherein final discrimination of the type of said optical disc is made on the basis of the type discrimination result of said optical disc by means of the disc signal discriminator which discriminates the type of said optical disc on the basis of the focus error signal and a sub beam addition signal obtainable in performing a focus search by moving an objective lens in a direction of optical axis, and the type discrimination result of said optical disc by disc information discriminator which discriminates the type of said optical disc in accordance with information recorded on said optical disc.

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